GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:566
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2001
TUR DAL BOARD
KOLUR BASAVANAGOUD

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has recommended to establish a `Tur Dal Board` to cater to the needs of Tur farmers in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a)&(b) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.566 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26.04.2001.

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal for establishment of Tur Board in Karnataka with Head Quarter at Gulbarga for improving and sustaining red gram production and its industry in the country in general and Karnataka in particular.

(b): All the activities suggested under the proposed Tur Board, are already covered under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses (TMOP).Therefore, there is no need for establishment of the proposed Tur Board. In addition, the Government of India has established Directorate of Pulses Development at Bhopal which monitors the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) which is being implemented in 30 States/UTs including Karnataka. In order to provide remunerative prices to the growers of pulse including Tur (Arhar), the Government of India declares Minimum Support Price (MSP) before every season. For the year 2000-2001, the Minimum Support Price for Tur (Arhar) has been fixed at Rs.1200 per quintal. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) enters into procurement operation if the prices fall below MSP. The Government is taking all possible measures to protect the interest of Tur (Arhar) growers of the country.